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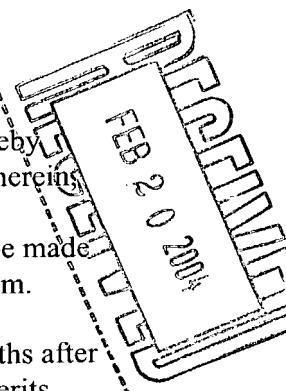
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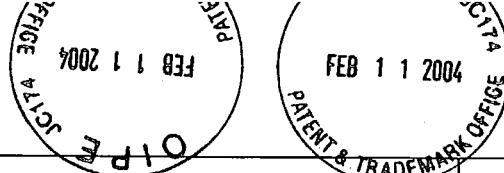
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A method of manufacturing a matrix type display device comprising an optical material (114A) arranged at predetermined positions on a display substrate (121), the optical material being liquid at least when the optical material is applied to the predetermined positions. The method comprises the steps of enhancing the lyophilicity at each of the predetermined positions relative to the lyophilicity at a peripheral region (155) around a respective predetermined position of the predetermined positions and applying the optical material to the predetermined positions.